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For

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 25, 2002 OFFICE ACTION, INCLUDING SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is filed in response to a June 25, 2002 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The Office Action included as an Attachment a Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures ("Notice to Comply"). A separate response to the Notice to Comply, entitled "Response In Compliance With The Requirements For Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequences and/or Amino Acid Sequences Set Forth in June 25, 2002 Office Action" and addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, Va 22202, Attn. Box Sequence, is being filed on the same day as this Amendment, in accordance with the relevant USPTO regulations concerning such submissions.

The (1) Amendment and the (2) Response to the Notice to Comply were originally due on September 25, 2002. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time for filing both submissions. The required (small entity) fee for a three month

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